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**B E A S T.**

Shewing, by a Paralell Scheme, what a CON-  
FORMIST the Church of ROME is  
to the P A G A N, and what a NONCON-  
FORMIST to the CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH, in its Rites, Service and Ce-  
remonyes, the better to Exemplify the True  
and False

**CHURCH.**

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[The De Laune]

Obed. 6. *How are the hidden things of Esau sought out?*

*Dan. 3. 17. 18. Our God whom we Serve, is able to Deliver us, and he will Deliver us: But if not, be it known that we will not Serve your Gods, Nor Worship the Golden Image that ye have set up.*

*Rev. 14. 9. And the Angel said with a Loud Voice, If any man worship the Beast and his Image, and Receive his mark in his Forehead, or in his Hand, the same shall Drink of the Wine of the wrath of God, which shall be poured out without Mixture, in the Cup of his Indignation.*

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YOU have here a briefe and I hope Satisfactory account (from many Learned Authorities) of the Rise and Original of many of the Rites and Ceremonys now in Question (which have and do occasion so much trouble, and distress) the only right way to end it issues, and which was the way that Christ took with the Pharisees, Mat. 19. 8. And which Dr. Pierce so wisely observes from him, in confuting the Papists. Whereby it is easily discerned what is from above and what from beneath, what from God, and what from Man. This proves their Rise, and Birth, to be many hundred Yeares before Christ, therefore not from him for Christian Service.

The learned Caulabon in his Original of Idolatry (Written in French and collected (as his Epistle tells us) from Hieropolitane Commentaries, Translated by Mr. Darcy) says P. 73.

That the maine and principal parts of the Idols are digested and brought in by Numa Pompilius, [the 2 King of the Romans, a great Magician about 200 yeares before Christ, P. 37.] The farther Additions were Invented, by other Roman Pontifs, and especially by a Monk called Gregory, the 1st of that Name, who attained the Papacy being Instructed in Pythagorick Magick and Philosophie, having also studied the Laws of King Tullus Hostilius successor to Numa, and to the end he might Perpetuate his Name, Invented divers Additions to the Mass, &c.

You have therefore (for your better Information) this parallel Scheme here presented to you, of the Pagan and Papall Rites and Ceremonys, where you find the great Harmony and agreement betwixt them therein (The Child being not more like the Father, then Rome Papall is to Rome Pagan, in its Ecclesiastical Rites and Service) and therefore is it not significantly by the Holy Ghost sealed the Image of the Beast Rev. 13. 14, 15. &c. And did it not prove the healing the deadly wound given to the Dragonical Beast? verse 4. And who you'l find not to be in greater Conformity to the Pagan, then in Nonconformity to the Christian Church, of which you have a briefe Prospekt from the Scripture. The true Standard is my Judge all Images and Idols by.

But you'l say, why do you give the Heathen the Denomination of a Church, Is that proper? Yes why not? Do not you read of the Church of Evil-doers? Ps. 26. And Synagogue of Satan? Rev. 2. And I know no reason why Rome Pagan the Mother, may not be so called as well as Rome Papall the Daughter, who fetches so much of her Ecclesiastical Politie, Church Rites, Services, & Ceremonys from her; But did not Pagan Rome kill Christ, and disown Christianity which Papal Rome did not? It is true Rome Pagan, did Murder Christ in his person, and so doth Rome Papal in his members, which is killing him a fresh, and so in words they seem with Judas to say hail Mr. And kiss him, with a Jesu Jesu, yet in work they deny, betray, sell, and Crucify him and by Blasphemous Traditions, and Impious Superstitions, make void his whole Law, usurp his Throne and Authority, sit in the Temple of God as God, changing times, Laws, Ordinances.

As to the Authority to justify each Particular, which you might have expected under each Head, I must referre you to a larger Piece, treating thereof, which I will it very distinctly by this being but an Epitome of it, though in the general you may understand the following Authors have been consulted thereupon, viz. Plutarch in Numa, Tacitus, Titus Livius Decad. Pliny Alex ab. Alexander, Blond De Rom triumph, Durandus, Darcys translation of Caulabon, Dr. Moors, History of Iniquity. And this last worthy and most Excellent piece called Pagana Populus, &c.

Thine in the Service of Truth.

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# The IMAGE of the BEAST.

Shewing by a Paralell Scheme what a *Conformist* the Church of *Rome* is to the *Pagan*, and what a *Nonconformist* to the *Christian Church*, in it's Rites Services and Ceremonies.

The *Dragonical* or *Pagan* Church Consisteth in; viz.

The *Beastly Papall Church* is conformable to the *Pagan* in

The *Christian Church* consisteth in; viz.

## 1. It's Head.

The *Emperor* of *Rome* presiding by the Policy of *Hell* over all Ecclesiastical affaires as well as Civil, was called *Pontifex Maximus* or high Priest; to whom was given *Divine Honour* and prostration at his Feet: And as *Head* of the Church or high Priest had first Fruits, Annates Oblations, &c. paid him and also a *Purpurate Synod* or Princes in Purple to assist him.

## Secondly it's Members.

The Members and partes of the Church were the partes of the *Empire*, as divided into ten parts; *Hornes* or *Kingdoms*. And those ten *Kingdoms* distributed into *Nations*, *Provinces*, *Diocess* and *Cures*, under respective *Governors*, *Civil-Military*, and *Ecclesiastical*.

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The *Pope* of *Rome* presiding by the Policy of *Hell* over all Ecclesiastical affaires; clayming the Civit also is called *Pontifex Maximus* or high Priest; to whom *Divine Honour* is given and prostration at his Feet: And as *Head* of the Church and high Priest hath first Fruits, Annates and Oblations, &c. paid him; And a *Purpurate Synod*, viz. Cardinals in Purple to assist him.

## Secondly it's Members.

The Members and partes of this *Catholick Church*, are the partes of the *Empire*, as divided into ten *Hornes* or ten *Kingdoms*. And those ten *Kingdoms* distributed into *Nations*, *Provinces*, and *Diocess*, and *Parishes* for the better Administration of *Papal Jurisdiction*.

## 1. It's Head.

Neither *Emperor*, *Pope* nor *King*, but *Christ* himself to whom the Father has consecrated it, having purchased it also with his own blood, who as *High Priest* & *King* is the alone *Autor* and *Institutor* of it's Order, Rule and *Worship*, with all things that belong thereto, and necessary to be Observed therein. To whom *Divine Honour* is duly paid: God blessed for ever the Government upon his Shoulders, without any *Catholick Vicar* to assist.

## Secondly it's Members.

The Members of the *Christian Church* are not any *Empire*, *Region*, *City*, *Diocess*, or *Province*, but only such of the faithful, or Believers in all parts of the World, who are called to visible *Sanctifying* and orderly put together into distinct *Congregations*, as *Christ* has directed in the *New Testament*.

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3dly, The Gods they Worship.

Besides their Supreme God *Jupiter*, or *Jove*, whose name they derived from *Jehovah*; the Governour of Heaven and Earth, They had diverse inferior *Deities*, *Gods*, and *Goddesses*, whom they divinely worshiped, viz. *Diana* *Effia*, (*Juno* or *Luna*) the Queen of Heaven (and Mother of God) with *Saturn*, *Mars*, *Venus*, *Mercury*, *Phobus*, *Beacchus*, *Vulcan*, &c. to whom they as their *Nuncios*, *Heroes*, or *Intercessors* built *Temples*, erected *Altars*, and *Sanctuaries*. Dedicated *Festivals*, and called the days by their names; They had *Damons* *Ethereal*, and *Terrestrial* *Gods* and *Goddesses*, to be applied to, by several *Vocations*, *Countries*, *Cities*, *Families*, *Orders*, *Sick Persons*, As *Divus Neptunus* for Mariners, *Divus Pan* for Shepherds, *Divus Pales* for Husbandmen, *Divus Flora* for the Curtisan, *Divus Diana* for the Huntsmen, *Divus Esculapius* for the Physician, *Divus Bacchus* for the Good fellow, *Divus Mercurius* for Tradesmen; They had gods for every *Family*, *Country*, *City*, *Decade*, as *Antiquat*, *Era*, &c. Besides in the *Pontifex Maximus*, and *Synod*, was placed the right of *Apotheosis*, or God making, viz. to create and Inrole some deceased, worthy in the number of the Gods to whom *Temples*, *Altars*, *Orders*, and *Statues* were appointed, and *Festivals* in their names celebrated.

3dly, The Gods they Worship.

Besides the Supreme God *Jehovah*, the Governour of Heaven and Earth they pretend to worship, they have diverse inferior *Deities*, *Gods* and *Goddesses* whom they divinely worship, viz. *Divia* or *Santa Maria* the Queen of Heaven (and Mother of God) with *Divus Petrus*. *St. Paul*, *St. John*, *St. Thomas*, *St. Stephen*, *St. Andrew*, &c. To whom they as their *Nuncios*, or *Intercessors*, build *Temples*, erect *Altars*, dedicate *Festivals*, paying also so much reverence to the Pagan Gods, as to keep up their Names in the Day's of the Week, viz. *Sunday*, *Monday*, *Tuesday*, *Wednesday*, *Thursday*, *Friday*, *Saturday*. They have also *Terrestrial* and *Ethereal* Gods, and *Goddesses*, to be applied to by several *Vocations*, *Countries*, *Cities*, *Families*, *Orders*, *Sick Persons*, as *Divus* or *St. Nicolas* for the Mariner, *St. Windoline* for the Shepherd, *St. John Baptist* for the Husbandmen, *St. Magdalene* for the Curtisan, *St. Hubert* for the Huntsman, *St. Crispian* for the Shoemaker, &c. The *City*, *Country*, *Family*, and *Physick* Gods are innumerable. *St. George* for England, *St. Denis* for France, *St. Mark* for Venice, &c. Gods almost for every Disease, Besides the God making power, that is in the Pope and Cardinals to canonize what deceased worthy, they please and to appoint them *Temples*, *Altars*, *Orders*, *Festivals*.

3dly, in Worshipping the true God, only and truly.

Though there be that are called *Gods*, whether in Heaven or in Earth (as there be *Gods* many, and *Lords* many) But to us there is but one God; the Father of whom are all things and we in him. And one Lord Jesus, by whom are all things and we by him; 1 Cor. 5. 6. Make no mention of the names of other Gods, neither let it be heard out of thy Mouth, Ex. 23. 13. Thou shalt have no other Gods besides me, thou shalt not make to thy self any graven Image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or Earth beneath. Thou shalt not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God; Ex. 20. 4. 5. What agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols? For ye are the Temple of the living God? Wherefore come out from amongst them, and be ye separate saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, &c. The things which the Gentiles sacrifice; they sacrifice to Devils and not to God; and I would not that you should have Fellowship with Devils; 1 Cor. 10. 20. Rev. 18. 4. 2 Cor. 6. 16.

askly. The places of their Wor-  
ship.

Temples or Fanes both rich and magnificent, they built in the names, and dedicated to the honour of their Gods; As the Temple of Jupiter, the Capital of Rome was dedicated to him; Vesta the Q. of Heaven; and Mother of God, had a Temple, and Nunnery, dedicated to her; And so had all the rest of the Gods. Saturn, Mars, Venus, Diana, Minerva, Neptune, Apollo, &c. Yea, one to all the gods called PANTHEON. They build their Temples East, and West, Worshipping towards the East. By their Augurs, and Auspices, With many Prayers, Ceremonies, and Solemnities, they consecrated first the Ground, and then the Temple, upon which it was built: Altars were erected in them, and sumptuously adorned, and Statues placed in them with lighted Candles which they Worshipped: A Feast of Dedication was Annually kept to the Honour of the Demon, the Temple was dedicated to, which after their Religious Rites were over, was spent in Revelling and Jollity: And This as Gods House, they pay'd great Reverence to.

askly. The times of their Wor-  
ship.

They divided their days into Fasti feast days, Profesti Working days, and Intercessi hallow holy days; The feast days they dedicated, in the Names, and to the Hon-

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ship.

They Enjoy'd the Temple, soft the Heavens, only new consecrated and dedicated them to their own Gods to whom they gave new Names at their Christnings; As St. Saviours for Jupiter, St. Mary's for Vesta's Temple, And so for the rest of their Gods, St. Peters for Apollon, St. Paul for the Temple of Diana (so it was at London) St. Nicolas, for Neptunes, And all Saints, for PANTHEON. They build new Temples, East and West, and Worship as the Heavens did towards the East: And do by their Priests consecrate first the Ground, Then the Temple, upon which it stands; Altars are erected in them, and sumptuously adorned, and Statues, placed on them with lighted Candles, which they Worship; a Feast of Dedication is annually kept to the Honour of the Saint, the Temple is consecrated to, which is spent with Revelling and Jollity. And this as Gods House they pay great Reverence to.

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ship.

They divided their days into Feasts, Fasts, Vigils, and Working days (as their Calendar mentions) their Feasts dedicated in the Names, the, And to the honour of

askly. In it's Worship, respect-  
ing place.

There having been no consecrated place, or holy Ground since the dissolution of the Temple, by Gods appointment to build Temples, or holy places for Worship. The true Worshipers, who worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, are truly his Church, and House, where ever they meet, be it in Wood, Field, House, or Barne; so saith the Apostle, with all who in every place call upon the Lord Jesus Christ our Lord; 1 Cor. 1. 2. Whose House are ye. Heb. 3. 8. The most high dwelling, not with Temples made with Hands as saith the Prophet; What House will ye build me? Or what is the place of my Rest? Who Fills Heaven and Earth, A. 7. 48. 49. No Altars and Candles Worshipping East and West, or Feasts of Dedications in Christs Church, being all Pagan and Papal inventions.

askly. In respect to the time  
of Worship.

The first day of the Week is the Christians Sabbath, and the only standing time for Rest, and Worship to be Observed Holy unto the Lord; The other six days being appointe



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our of their *Gods* were every many, some of their *Capital Feasts* were these, viz. Their *Sauratias*, kept several days together in *December*, with *Eul-game*, Mrs. of *Misrule*, *Masquerading*; and all *Debocheries*, adorning their *Temples*, and *Houses* with green *Leaves*, and *Boughs*, The *Epiphony* (from the appearing of their *Gods*) Their *Proserpinia*, or Feasts of *Candles*. In *February* Their *Paleia*, or *Shepherds Feast* or *Mildsummer-day*, Their *Floralia* on *May-day*, with great *Jollity* by the young People of both sexes, scattering *Boughs* and *Flowers*, and Dancing about *May-poles*, Their *Ambervalia*, or *Procession*, when they begged a *Blessing* on their *Gods*, upon their *Fields* and *Fruits*; The Feast *Easter* to that Goddess in *April*. They had their *Bacchanalia*, their *Cerialia*, their *Venalia* & their *Panathenea*, a Feast to all their *Gods*. Canonical hours for *Sacrifice*, and *Devotion*, and a *Fabule*, or *years of Rest*.

6thly, Their *Priesthood*.

They had *Superior Priests*, viz. *Flamines* and *Arch-flamines*, for *Sacerdotal* service in their *Provinces*, and *Dioceses*, and *Inferior Priests*, distinguished by dignify'd names, *Tonsures*, *Orders*, *Habits*, the dignify'd *Priests*, were those who attended on the *Capital* *Temples*, as the proper *Priests* of *Jupiter*, *Appollo*, *Minerva*, *Vesta*, *Diana*, *Venus*, *Cybel*, some of which were called *Dialia*, *Martialia*, *Querinalia*, *Angures*, *Salians*, *Fecials*.

their *Saints* (or *Gods*) are every many, some of their *Capital Feasts* are these, viz. *Christmas* (their *Sauratias*) *Observed* directly, both in time and manner as there was, with *Eul-games*, Mrs. of *Misrule*, *Masquerade's*, *Debocheries*, adorning their *Houses*, and *Temples*, with green *Leaves* and *Boughs*. The *Epiphony* Feast, as there's. Also *Candlemas* the purification of the *Virgin Mary*. In *February*, as their *Proserpinia*, or *Candle* Feast. Their *St. John Baptist* on *Mildsummer-day*, as their *Paleia*, Also *Philip* and *Jacob* on *May-day*, kept as their *Floras* Feast, time, and manner, Also *procession*, or *Perambulation*, in *Rogation* Week, time and manner with their *Ambervalia*; Also the Feast of *Easter*, time, name, and manner, They have their *Whisbonales*, for their *Bacchanalia*, Their *Allsaints*, for their *Panathenea*, Canonical hours for *Service*, and a year of *Fubile* for *Rest*.

6thly, Their *Priesthood*.

Their *Priests* were either *superior*, viz. *Bishops* and *Arch-Bishops*, for *Sacerdotal* service in *Provinces*, and *Dioceses*, or *Inferior*, distinguished by dignify'd Names, *Tonsures*, *Orders*, *Habits*, the dignify'd clergy were those who attended the *Capital*, or *Cathedral* Churches, as *Deans*, *Chapels*, *Prebends*, *Arch Deacons*, and the more inferior *Priests*, who have care of *Sacred Celebrations*, in the cure, or *Parishes*, called *Cureats*, *Par-*

pointed for *Labour*, As the fourth Commandment Orders, viz. *Remember to keep Holy the Seventh Day*, Six Days shalt thou *Labour* and do all thy *Work*. The *Pope* that changer of times saith, Thou shalt *Labour* but *Three* or *Four* Days; the rest are his *Holy days*. No set times, either for *Feasts*, *Fasts* or *Vigils* are appointed by *Christ*, which are only to be *Observed* as occasion is *Administred*. All their *Holy Days*, and *Festivals*, celebrated in Honour of the *Papal* and *Pagan Gods*, *Nymphs*, or *Demons*, are an abomination to the *Lord*, and a great oppression to the *Nations*. God requiring but a 7th part of time for his publick *Worship* and *Service*; and they exact half, if not two *Thirds* of it for the *Worship* and *Service* of their *Idols*.

6thly, In it's *Ministry*.

In *Christ Church* there are only two sorts of *Offices*, and *Officers*, (by his *New Testament* appointment) viz. *Elders*, and *Deacons*, the *Elders*, to administer *Ordinances*, and *Govern* the *Church*.

And *Deacons*, to make *Provision* for, to *visit*, and take care of the *Poor*, none of the *Ministry*, distinguished from the *Layety*, by *Habits*, or *Tonsures*, which are all *Pagan*, and *Papal*, *Inventions*, and *Abominations*. The prohibition of

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And more inferior Priests who have the care of the sacred Celebrations, in the cures called *Cures*, these were proper *Habits*, for all the Priesthood, and particular *Vestments*, for their *Divine Service*, viz. *Albes*, *Tunics*, *Amicts*, they had *Tonsures*, and *Shavings*, so the Priests of *Isis*, *Diana*, *Jupiter*, divers orders of Priests, whereof most *Catechists*, to whom Marriage was prohibited as the Priests of *Vesta*, *Minerva*, *Apollo*, and those of *Cybil*, who were castrated, Elected, and consecrated according to the Ritual of *Numa*, and put in to their cures, by the *Pontifex*, maintained according to their Ecclesiastical constitution, the *Pontifex*, by *Amates*, *Oblations*, and the Priests by *Benefices*, *Offerings*, *Obsequies*, &c.

*ons*, *Vicars*, *Deacons*, and wearing their *Carmines*, they have proper *Habits* for the *Clergy*, and particular *Vestments* for their holy ministrations, viz. *Surplices*, or *Albes*, *Chasubles*, or *Tunics*, *Vailers*, or *Amicts*, to which they add *Cosps*, *Epitaphs*, *Ministers*, *Zones*, &c. They have *Tonsures*, or *Shavings* of their Orders, and most whereof *Catechists*, to whom marriage is forbidden, Elected, and consecrated, according to the *Popes canon*, and put into their Cures, by his *Ambrosy*, maintained according to their Ecclesiastical customs, the *Popes* by *Amates*, *Oblations*, &c. The Priests by *Benefices*, *Offerings*, *Oblations*, *Obsequies*, &c.

Marriage being a *Duty*, of *Devils*, Elected and Consecrated according to *Christs* *canons*, by the particular *Congregations*, wherein they serve *Christ*, and according to *Christs* *Law*, and primitive practice, are maintained by the voluntary contribution of the Flocks they feed, and *Rule*, having no *Benefices* or forced maintenance of *Tithes* to live upon.

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Their principal service comprehending most of their Rites and ceremonies, was called the *Mass*, whereof ten principal parts, viz. 1. The *Asperges*, which was their Sprinkling with holy water at the Temple door, all that attended that service for sanctification, 2dly, The *Procession*, when the Priest in his Vest, shaven crown, Taper in his hand, carryed about *Shrines*, with supplication, and thanksgivings, with Musick. 3dly, *Trimming Altars*, with *Clothes*, *Lights*, and *Images*. 4dly, The Consecration, making *Consecration*, and Supplication to the Gods. 5dly, The *Vertegines* viz. *Antick postures*, and *gestures*, of the Priest at the *Altar*.

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No such things in *Christs* service, by his appointment, as *Liturgies*, *Letanies*, Church musick, *Organs*, *Flutes*, *Vials*, Singing of prayers, *Antems* or collects, no burning *Incense*, *Odours*, *Tapers*, *Candles*, upon *Altars*, no cringes, *crossings*, *Kneelings*, at *Altars*, bowing to the East, but praying in the Spirit, and praying in the Spirit, And receiving the *Lords Supper*, the *Bread* and the *Wine*, according to his Institution, without all their *Pagan* and *Papal* inventions and Superstitions.

6ly, The Church Musick, Vocal, and instrumentall putting up Canticles, Psalms, Collects to their Gods, with Organs, Flutes, Vials, &c. 7thly, The Thurall part, Offering, Incense, Odours, and Perfumes. 8thly, The Offertory, viz. Oblations and Offerings. 9thly, The Round host, or small round Loaves, given to the Communicants. 10ly, The conclusion, with *It: missa est* pronounced by the Priest: they had many curvations, or bowings, fastings, flagellations or whippings, lying-wonders, by Sorcery, and miraculous Appearing of their Gods, Dirges, worshiping towards the East.

putting up Songs, Collects, Anthems, &c. With Organs, Flutes, Vials, voices. 7ly, Offering Incense with Odours, and perfumes. 8ly, The Offertory or offerings. 9ly, The wafer or round Host, given to the Communicants. 10ly, the conclusion with *It: missa est* pronounced by the priest: they have curvations, Flagellations, penances, Lying wonders, dirges, worshiping towards the East, They have also several additions, to the Mass, as *Letanys* Epistles, Gospels, Canons, Tracts, Kiss-pix, crosses, Kneelings, &c.

8thly, Their Imposition, and Persecution.

They violently impose their service, and Ceremonies, not suffering the Dissenting Christians, to buy or sell; persecuting them to confiscation and to Blood.

8thly, Imposition and persecution.

They violently impose their Service, and Ceremonies, not suffering the Dissenters to buy, or sell, but persecute them to confiscation and Blood.

8thly, In it's Love Object.

No forcible Imposition of Christ's Service, no Persecution, corporal mulets, and punishments, upon Dissenters, or gain-sayers, but the exercise of all Love, Patience, and long suffering, with Gentleness towards them.

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